(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of road network that would be developed for the purpose in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Ministry of tourism has identified eleven important roads/ routes consisting of NH and State Roads to provide connectivity to the important tourist/religious sites. Out of the identified roads/routes, the developments of National Highways in nine routes have already been included for development under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North Eastern Region (SARDP-NE). The non NHDP sections of National Highways are being improved/maintained within the available fund and *inter-se* priority of various works. The remaining one route in the State of Orissa consists of State Roads for which the responsibility for development/maintenance lies with the State Government.

(c) the following roads/routes falling in the State of Orissa have been identified by the Ministry of Tourism for the development/upgradation:

* Roads leading to Lalitgiri, Ratangiri and Udaigiri.

  This route consists of State Roads for which the responsibility for development/ maintenance lies with the State Government.

* Road connecting Bhubaneswar-Konark-Puri.

  This route consists of NH-203. While, the stretch from Bhubaneshwar to Puri has been included for development under NHDP, the stretch from Konark to Puri is being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available funds.

Conversion of roads as NHs in Rajasthan

†2274. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to lessen the pressure on Golden Quadrilateral Highway, action would be taken to declare the following roads as highways;

(b) Dharuhera-Bhiwadi-Alwar-Thanagaji-Pratapgarh-Raiser-Jamvaramgarh-Jaipur-Phagi-Malpura-Kekdi-Shahpura-Banera-Bhilwara-Sahada-Nathdwara-Mawali-Bhatewar-Kanod-Salumber-Aaspur-Sagwada-Galiakot-Rampur-Lunawada-Kapadwanj-Nadiyad-Anand-Surat;

(c) Kolayat-Nokha-Sujangarh-Salasar-Sikar-Neem-Ka-Thana-Kotputli-Bansur-Alwar-Ramgarh-Deeg-Bharatpur-Roopwas-Sepda-Dholpur; and

(d) Mathura-Bharatpur-Bayana-Hindon-Shrimahavirji-Gangapur City-Malarna-Bhadoti-Sawai Madhopur-Jaitpur-Baharanwada-Khotoli-Mangrol-Baran-Bapawar-Khanpur-Aklera-Manoharthana-Bayawar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. At present emphasis is

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being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

Annual Plan for Rajasthan and Sikkim

2275. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that estimates against approved Annual Plan 2007-08 for Rajasthan and Sikkim States is pending in his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the action Government is taking for early approval of these estimates for timely utilization of allocated fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Out of the proposals included in approved Annual Plan, estimates for National Highway works are sanctioned based on funds available, *inter-se*-priority of works and prescribed limit for the amount of sanction for the State. Estimates amounting to Rs. 173.73 crore have already been sanctioned during 2007-08 as per the prescribed sanction limit for Rajasthan.

There is no Annual Plan 2007-08 for Sikkim State as the only National Highway No 31A passing through the State is entrusted to Border Roads Organization and is maintained under G.S. funding.

Maintenance of NHs

†2276. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating a clear cut policy for the maintenance of roads being four-laned by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during their construction.

(b) whether NHAI is maintaining the Udaipur city portion of National Highway No. 76; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes Sir. During construction period, the maintenance of the existing roads is being done by the civil contractor engaged for four laning work for which adequate provision has been made in the contract.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The four lane Udaipur bypass is under construction by NHAI and presently NH-76 passes through the city portion of Udaipur which is being maintained by NHAI till the construction of Udaipur bypass is completed.

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